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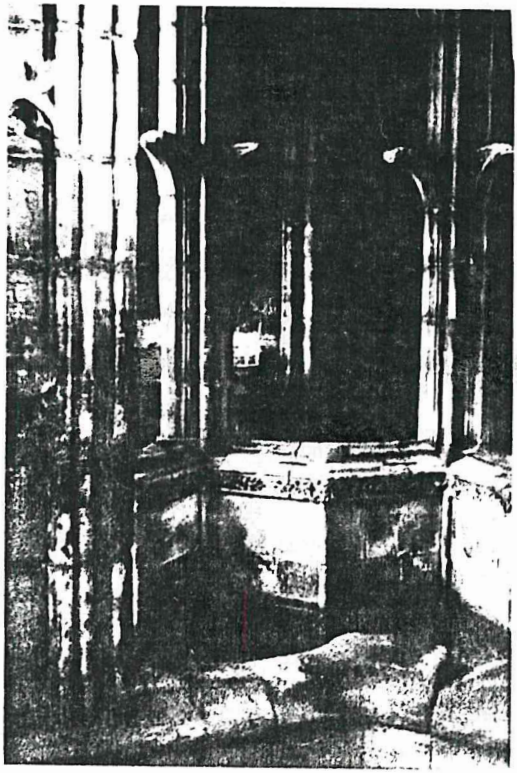

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Submission deadline is the 20th of the month for event announcements, articles, and artwork. Officers reports are due at officers' meeting.

from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the Gentlefolk of Unser Hafen, Bofharrach and Ram's Keep, guardians of the northern reaches and favored populace.

May this missive find your fields fertile and growing, the rains gentle upon your brow and your families hale and happy.

You have honored Us, your Barony and your Kingdom greatly by your attendance at the various events of late. As always, your chivalry, service and gentle presence is highly esteemed.

Glory is fast upon us, and We look forward to seeing you all there. We give full measure of respect to Mistress Rosalind and her team for organizing so much fun and the chance for us all to serve the Living Dream as well as immerse ourselves in history. Huzzah!

Thank you all for your input on Our desire to organize restarting Populace meetings. Level heads have prevailed and helped Us come up with a plan. Watch for a schedule in the coming months. There will be quarterly revels on Friday nights and monthly populace meetings on the last Sunday of each month at fighter practice, each designed to heighten everyone's enjoyment of the SCA. We encourage everyone to come and join us for fun and revelry at both of these mini-events. Bring you projects to work on, your games to play and your friends to enjoy.

In service to Barony, Canton and College, our beloved Kingdom and the Living Dream, we remain.

Deotrich Leonora

from the Equestrian Guild

Hello all,

The equestrian guild meeting after fighter practice June 9 went very well. I would like to sincerely thank all of you who attended. In addition discussing equestrian activities at Glory and gathering volunteers, we voted Lord Nicholas the Falconer as the new head of the Equestrian guild. Thanks and congratulations to Lord Nicholas. I am sorry not to be serving in this capacity longer, but I know I am leaving the guild in good hands.

Yours in Service,
Lady Averick of Glen Rowany

from the Chronicler

I want pictures from Glory and Unser Hafen Champions' to publish in the August and September Tosspots. Also any other interesting or amusing SCA pictures you have taken. You don't want to have my vacation pictures on the cover of the Tosspot forever.

Mistress Drahomira

List of Events

July 4-7

Glory V (Unser Hafen - held in Wyoming)
http://www.unserhafen.org/glory/

July 13

Stags Con (Blaidwyn - Albuquerque, University of New Mexico)
http://www.unm.edu/~meimei/sca/stagscon.html

July 19-21

St. Sebastian's (Hawk's Hollow - N. Denver, held in Cripple Creek)
http://www.geocities.com/darkprospero/Sebastians.html

July 28

Champions' Tournament (Unser Hafen - Fort Collins)

August 2-4

Baron's War (Dragonsspine - Colorado Springs)

August 2-18

Pennsic War XXXI (Kingdom of the East - Pennsylvania)
http://www.pennsicwar.org/

August 23-25

Fields of Gold (Caerthe)

September 7

Newcomers' Revel (Unser Hafen - Fort Collins)

September 5-8

Highland Games Demo (held in Estes Park)

September 14-15

Kingdom of the Outlands Crown Tournament (Hinterland - Scotts Bluff)

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Glory V

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July 4-7, AS XXXVII (2002)
L.C.C.C. Campground, Buford, Wyoming 82052
(24 miles West of Cheyenne on I-80)
Site opens at Noon on July 4. Closes at 4PM on July 7
Site Fee $12. Children 4-15, $5. Under 4, free. Family cap for site $35.
Day fee $7. Children 4-15, $3. Under 4, free.
Latest updates at: http://www.unserhafen.org/glory/

Drums thunder across the cool mountain air....
The sun glints on the Blade of Glory....
The great Carnyx Horn is sounded....
Prepare, one and all, for THE CRUSADE!

In the good tradition of Glory's past, we shall fight till we drop and party where we fall. This year we will fight, fence, arch, ride, drum and dance from Europe to the Middle East on a grand crusade for fun, and of course, more Glory. Check for details as they develop at www.unserhafen.org/glory/

The site is discretely wet; Equestrians are welcome; pets must be leashed.

Elevation is 7,500 feet, so nights may be cool and days desert warm. There is no potable water source on site. There will be both non-martial adult and children's activities.

Fire rules are subject to change as the season progresses. As of press time, the permitted light and heat sources are electric, solar, propane, and Coleman fueled only. No candles (covered or not), tiki/patio torches which have flames, charcoal or wood burning (even if off the ground) are permitted.

There will be a potluck feast for everyone in camp on Thursday evening, July 4, so bring something to share. Then The White Rose Inn will offer 3 meals on Friday and Saturday, plus breakfast on Sunday for the first 150 Crusaders to send a reservation and pre-payment. Cost for the Inn is $20 for adults, children 4-12, $15, and under 4 are free with an adult reservation. Send reservations and payments to

Mistress Meriel of Tay (Susan Clotfelter), clotfelter@frii.com,
2889 SW 6th St., Loveland, CO 80537.

Please write "SCA Reservation" on your envelope, and make checks payable to SCA-Unser Hafen. Send dietary restrictions by June 1.

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Equestrian Autocrat: Lady Averick (Cathleen Parker), 970-494-0662, averick@msn.com

GLORY V - THE CRUSADE SCHEDULE (Subject to change.)

7/4 Thursday

Noon	Site opens
Noon	Begin Rapier "Blade of Glory" Duel (ends 3 pm Sat.)
3 pm	Rapier armor inspections & pickups
4 pm	Archery Royal Round
4 pm	Rapier Line Tourney
5 pm	1st Thrown Weapons
6 pm	Potluck dinner at the White Rose Inn
9 pm	Rapier Glow stick Tourney

7/5 Friday

7-9 am	Breakfast at the White Rose Inn
9 am	Opening Court
After Court	Archery Royal Round
After Court	Heavy armor inspection at The Rock
After Court	Rapier armor inspection
10:30ish	Great Weapons Tourney at The Rock
10:30-Noon	Equestrian Authorizations & Practice
11 am	Rapier Speedy Bear Pit Tourney
Noon-2 pm	Lunch at the Inn (Their Excellencies lunch with the Golden Rings)
1:30 pm	Rapier unknown scenario
2 pm	March to Constantinople (Heavies at The Rock)
2 pm	Archery Quad Shoot
2:30 pm	Equestrian Crusader's Run
3 pm	Archer's Duel
3:30ish	Siege of Antioch (Heavies at The Rock)
3:30-5:30 pm	Rapier Bottle Tourney at the Inn
4 pm	Their Excellencies meet with the Builders of the Portcullis
4 pm	Archery IKAC
5 pm	Challenge for the Pawnee (Heavy challengers at the Rock)
6-7:30 pm	Dinner at the Inn
After Dinner	Combat Archery IKCAC
8 pm	Crusader camp with bardic fire & toasts/boasts
8 pm	Rapier Heidelberg Tournament

7/6 Saturday - No morning court is scheduled

7-9 am	Breakfast at the Inn
8-10 am	Equestrian Trail Ride
9 am	Their Excellencies breakfast with the Bearers of the Salt Cellars
9 am	Heavy armor inspection at the pond
9 am	Rapier armor inspection
9:30 am	Rapier Team Melee Snowball
10 am	Scout Tourney at the pond
10 am	Archery Running Boar
10 am	Baroness Leonora conducts an herb walk
10 am	Rapier Team Resurrection Hour Glass Tournament

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11 am	Archery at the 3D Range
11 am	Rapier War Scenario
11 am	2nd Thrown Weapons
11 am	Stick Horse Joust at the Field of Glory
Noon-2 pm	Lunch at the Inn
	(Their Excellencies lunch with the Golden Columbines)
1 pm	Woods battle at the pond
1:30 pm	Rapier War Scenarios
2 pm	Thegn Hunt at the pond
2 pm	Archery Royal Round
2 pm	Equestrian Barding Competition & Processional
2:30 pm	Equestrian Persian Games (Concurrent IKEQC)
3 pm	Carnyx Tourney at the Field of Glory
3 pm	Archery, The Martyrdom of St. Bartholomew
3 pm	End Rapier "Blade of Glory" Duel
4 pm ish	Court
5:30 pm	Walk of Shrines after court
6-7:30 pm	Dinner at the Inn
8 pm	Saladin's Drum/dance party

7/7 Sunday

7 am	Rapier "Pistols at Dawn" Sunrise Duels
8:30-10	Breakfast at the Inn
9 am	Their Excellencies breakfast with the Keepers
9 am	Peer Circle - Laurels
10 am	Peer Circle - Pelicans
11 am	Peer Circle - Chivalry
4 pm	Site closes

St Sebastian's Archery Competition

July 19-21, AS XXXVII (2002)
Lost Burro Campground, 4023 Teller Rd 1, Cripple Creek, Colorado
Site opens 3:00 pm Friday July 19, closes 3:00 pm Sunday July 21.
Fees: Camping Friday & Saturday night $11 per person (adult or child),
Camping Saturday night only $7 per person (adult or child),
Day trippers Saturday and/or Sunday $5 per person per day
Latest updates at: http://www.geocities.com/darkprospero/Sebastians.html

Come camping in the green wood, where archers meet for honorable tests of skill. Come archers and gather together in camaraderie for our patron saint - Sebastian. The challenges will be many and varied, the company grand and true. A weekend devoted to the art of the bow (and flinging things), July 19 - 21, 2002. (Please Note: Archers will need a minimum of 12 usable arrows for the weekend)

There is no feast planned for this event, but a limited menu (burgers etc) is available at the campground.

Location: Lost Burro Campground, 4023 Teller Rd 1, Cripple Creek CO. Lost Burro Campground has potable water, showers and toilets. Fire and/or bear restrictions may be in force depending upon conditions at the time of the event.

Directions: I-25 to Colorado Springs, exit 141 (US 24 west, Cimarron St) to Colorado 67, south to Lost Burro. Entrance will be on the west side of the road.

Campground's web site: http://hometown.aol.com/burrocamp

Fees: Camping Friday & Saturday night $11 per person (adult or child)
Camping Saturday night only $7 per person (adult or child)
Day trippers Saturday and/or Sunday $5 per person
This site charges per person, which is why there is no break for children.

Tentative Schedule

Friday

3:00 site opens.

6:00-ish a group trip into Cripple Creek, in garb, for the casino Buffets may be arranged if people are interested.

Saturday

9:00 Sign-up and team assignments. There will be a ½ hour of warm-up if you need it.

10:00 Morning shoots: Clout shoot into the castle, Hunt, and Sterling shoot.

1:00-ish Lunch break.

2:00 Afternoon shoots: Arrow slit shoot into castle and Arrow slit shoot from castle at marauders.

5:00 ICKAC shoot (Interkingdom Combat Archery Competition)

6:00-ish Dinner break.

8:00 (or dark) Night shoots: Sylume gnomes elimination shoot and "Flaming" arrow clout shoot. (Note: arrows will be illuminated in a non-damaging, non-hazardous, non-burning manner)

Sunday

Morning Activities (exact schedule to be determined): Siege weapon activities/demonstrations.

Royal round shoot for those wanting an away score.

ICKAC shoot.

Ladies Shoot sponsored by William Hawke de Warwick consisting of three different shoots: Quarter Shoot, Forest Gnome Shoot, and Standing Dog (Prairie) Shoot.

3:00 Site closes.

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Unser Hafen Champions' Tournaments

July 28, 2002
Site opens 10:00 a.m.
City Park, Ft. Collins, Colorado

Pray Attend! Their Excellencies Leonora and Deotrich have called forth a day of Tournaments at which the new Martial Champions shall be named. Please bring your pavillions and your finest outdoor regalia as this event has a wide appeal to those not familiar with our society. Following the tournaments will be a Pot Luck BBQ; "burgers and dogs" will be provided.

Site opens at 10:00AM, and the day's schedules will be at the whim of their Excellencies of Unser Hafen.

This is a city park and all city ordinances apply. Potable water and restrooms are nearby.

Directions: Take I-25 to Mulberry (Exit 269). Take Mulberry West to Sheldon Drive. Turn North (Right) on Sheldon drive to City Park Drive. Turn East (Right) on City Park Drive.

For further details see our website at http://www.unserhafen.org or contact the autocrat:

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[Editor's note - Warden Tournament:

As of press time, I have received no information about the Warden Tournament. Obviously, there will not be target archery at City Park. There are rumors that at least part of the Warden Tournament will take place at Tuesday archery practices ***before July 28****. If you are considering entering the Warden Tournament, contact the current Warden, Lord James of Mann, (Chris Gumble) 970-472-1900 gchris@mac.com, immediately.]*

Baronial Activities

Archery Practice	Tuesdays 5:30 pm Lord Nickolaous	Tamlene and Drahomira's (970)356-0943
Blacksmithing Guild	Master Tamlene	(970)663-1513
Belly Dancing	Wednesdays, 7:30 pm Lady Mardanah	Empire Grange (970)221-3982
Dance Practice	Second & Fourth Mondays	CSU Lory Student Center
Equestrian Guild	First & Third Mondays Lady Averick of Glen Rowany	(call for directions) (970) 494-0662
Fencing	Sundays 1-5 pm Lord Justin	City Park, Ft. Collins (970)881-2110
Fighter Practice	Sundays 1-5 pm Lord Vladimir Musat	City Park, Ft. Collins (970)267-9172
Loveland Fencing/ Fighter Practice	Thursdays 6:30 Master Thorfinn Greybeard	D. Webster Park, Loveland (970)667-1284
Bofharrach Fighter Practice	Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:00pm Lord Lorcan	Centennial Park, Greeley (970)352-9017
Officers' Meeting	Monday, July 15, 7 pm Lady Arianrod	Lady Arianrod's house (970)663-1060

Fighter/Fencing Practice Maps

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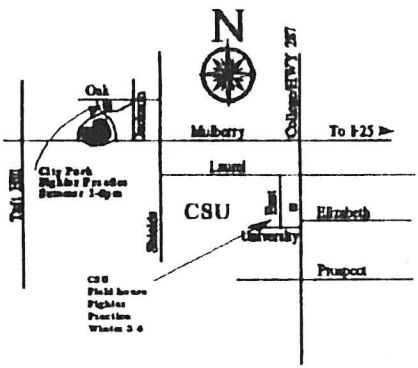

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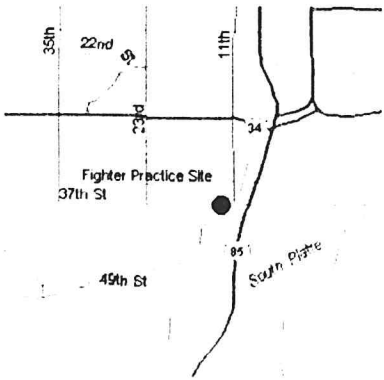

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNE
	1 Equestrian Practice CSU Equine Center	2 Archery Practice 5:30 pm Tamlene's house	Bofharrach F Practice 6:30 Centennial Pa * Middle Easte 7:30 pm Empire Grang
Glory 7	8 Dance Practice 7 pm Lory Student Center	9 Archery Practice 5:30 pm Tamlene's house	Bofharrach F Practice 6:30 Centennial Pa * Middle Easte 7:30 pm Empire Grang
14 Fighter/Fencer Practice 1-5 pm City Park	15 Officers' Meeting 7 pm Arianrod's house * Equestrian Practice CSU Equine Center	16 Archery Practice 5:30 pm Tamlene's house	Bofharrach F Practice 6:30 Centennial Pa * Middle Easte Dance7:30 pm Empire Grang
21 Fighter/Fencer Practice 1-5 pm City Park	22 Dance Practice 7 pm Lory Student Center	23 Archery Practice 5:30 pm Tamlene's house	Bofharrach F Practice 6:30 Centennial Pa * Middle Easte 7:30 pm Empi Grange
Unser Hafen Champions 28	29	30 Archery Practice 5:30 pm Tamlene's house	Bofharrach F Practice 6:30 Centennial Pa

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SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 ighter -9 pm k rn Dance e	Glory 4	Glory 5	Glory 6
10 ighter -9 pm rk rn Dance e	11 Fencing/Fighter Practice 6:30-8:30 pm Dwayne Webster Park	12	13
17 ighter -9 pm rk rn e	18 Fencing/Fighter Practice 6:30-8:30 pm Dwayne Webster Park * Middle Eastern Clothing workshop 6:30 pm Mardanah's house	19	20 Tosspot articles due
24 ighter -9 pm rk rn Dance re	25 Fencing/Fighter Practice 6:30-8:30 pm Dwayne Webster Park	26	27
31 ighter -9 pm rk			

Thursday Night Loveland Fighter Practice & Barbecue

Greetings Unto the Fencers and Heavy Weapons Fighters of the Barony of Unser Hafen and Our Friends

Our Fighters meet each Thursday night at Dwayne Webster Veterans Park in Loveland from 6:00 PM to Dark (8:30 PM) for a week night practice of our martial arts. And we also hold a DONATION BARBECUE, so that you do not have to rush to eat before this early evening practice.

We put out the Brass Bowl to fund this DONATION BARBECUE and will continue the practice until the bowl runs dry. Mistress Rosalind and any others who care to help, grill us hot dogs and hamburgers while we prepare to fence. Cold water and lemonade are also available. We try to have the food ready to eat near the 6:15 PM start of the practice.

We have Baronial loaner fencing gear available for newcomers. In addition several of us bring personal loaner fencing gear. We also have fencing instruction for newcomers, and our advanced fencers often hold workshops on advanced fencing techniques. In addition we usually try to hold melee practices.

These outdoors fighter practices are JOINT fencer and heavy weapons fighter practices. We encourage all heavy fighters to join us. However, heavy fighters need to bring their own loaner gear, and marshals as we do not have a commitment to have rattan fighter marshals at this practice.

The heavy weapons fighters need to talk this practice up, and get your friends to come. It is very discouraging to be the only heavy fighter there. But the fencers will be glad to feed you and do offer to convert you to the "LIGHT" side if that happens.

Driving Instructions:

We meet at Dwayne Webster Veterans Park in Loveland, located on the South side of US 34 near the Southeast end of Lake Loveland. This park has a large W.W.II cannon which is easily visible from West Eisenhower Blvd. (US 34). The triangular shaped Park is bounded by Eisenhower Blvd. on the North, West 13th Street on the South, and Grant Avenue on the East.

To get to this site, make your best way to the intersection of US 287 South (Cleveland Ave.) and US 34 (Eisenhower Blvd.) in Loveland.

Then go west on Eisenhower Blvd. across the railroad tracks overpass and two blocks West to Grant Ave. This street is on the East side of the park

Turn left onto Grant Ave on the east side of the park, then right onto West 13th street on the south side of the park to the entrance into the parking lot.

If you approach the site from the West on Eisenhower Blvd., just turn right onto West 13th street on the South side of the park and go a half block to the parking lot entrance.

If you have any question please email me at PLW1@verinet.com or call me at home at 970-667-1284.

In Service,

Master Thorfinn Graybeard

Middle Eastern Clothing Workshop

July 18th, 6:30 PM

Embellishment Techniques

This month we will learn a variety of basic embroidery and beading techniques used to embellish any type of Middle Eastern clothing. Everyone will leave with a sampler that he/she has created illustrating the different decorations.

Supplies: Embroidery needle, beading needle, embroidery floss, beading thread, seed beads, bugle beads, acrylic "shisha" mirrors, 12" square fabric scrap, embroidery hoop and scissors. Or for a nominal fee (less than $5.00) I will provide a sampler kit containing all neccessary supplies. NO SEWING MACHINES NECCESSARY!

Directions: from the intersection of College and Prospect: Go north on College to the next light, Pitkin. Take a right and proceed to your second 4-way stop sign, Stover, and go left. Take your first possible right onto Garfield and then your third right is Williams. The house is on the left side, 1104 Williams St.

Questions? Call Mardanah (Julia DiVerdi) (970) 221-3982

This is out of town, but it is an opportunity to pick up some nice pre-owned SCA equipment and garb. You don't have to be from Caer Galen, and you don't have to donate, to attend and buy tickets.

Caer Galen's More-or-Less Annual Benefit Redistribution of Goods

Date: Friday, August 23
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Army Reserve Armory, Table Mesa Drive at Tantra, Boulder
Event Coordinator: Mistress Francesca di Pavia, 303-581-9814; megbaron@ecentral.com

The Friday Night Revel for August will be somewhat different than usual. It's time once again for goods to be redistributed! Go through your closets and pull out those items you don't want any more which would be useful or of interest to other SCAers, and donate them to the Benefit ... and go home with cool new stuff!

Nothing to donate? Nonsense! Consider donating services, homemade baked goods, handmade items, custom-made clothing...the list of possibilities is endless! Your donations benefit Caer Galen's coffers.

Your site fee of $3.00 includes two chance tickets. Additional tickets will be available for $1.00 each. The more generous you are, the more you improve your chances of taking home the items of your choice!

If you have items to donate and would like to get them out of your house before the day of the benefit, please contact Francesca.

Plan now to be at this wondrous event!

Demo at the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival

Estes Park, Colorado
September 5-8, 2002

Wanted:

People and things for the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival
Set up Friday morning.
Take down Sunday evening and/or Monday morning
Parade walkers
Fighters, heavy and light
Marshals
Archers (with trash-able arrows since they'll be going into the lake)
Water bearers
Artisans to demonstrate their craft(s)
Calligraphers to write names on bookmarks
Musicians to entertain the public and ourselves
Information and Welcoming and information/membership people Displays

Requirements:

The ability to commit to at least one day.
A welcoming smile.
Weather resistance (you never know what mother nature will throw our way)

Benefits:

Free pass to the festival.
An excuse to be in the mountains.
All the bagpipe music you can take.
Men in kilts.

The Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival does not conflict with Crown Weekend this year. It runs from Friday September 6th through Sunday September 8th. The Festival Field opens to the public Friday at 12:00 noon, Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 am, and closes at 5:00 pm each evening. The Parade through downtown Estes Park starts Saturday morning at 9:30 am, with parade line-up beginning around 8:00 am . This is a top of the line event and we want to give the best we can for the demo.

You will be expected to work at the demo at least 4 hours during the day if you come on Saturday and/or Sunday, but there will still be time for you to see the festival. We will particularly need people for the parade Saturday morning.

Scottish, Irish, Welsh, or British garb preferred.

Coffee/tea and sweet breads will be available for the early arrivers each day. There will be water and ice available in our area. Festival food can get expensive. You may want to bring a lunch with you.

Sorry no merchanting allowed.

NO alcohol (except what is sold at the festival) or drugs allowed.

Unloading is allowed early each morning at the site. There is a charge for parking near the festival, however a (usually free during the festival) shuttle does run from downtown Estes Park to the field.

Only people who have volunteered prior to the start of the festival and are on the list will be able to get free passes. You will need to pick up your free pass at the gate or nearby in Estes Park, (exact location to be determined later) and then check in at our area when you arrive at the festival.

You may want to bring your own chair(s) if possible. Some chairs will be available, but they are cheap rental chairs. Rugs and ground covers are always appreciated. Depending on availability and your needs, you may need your own table. Check with the autocrat(s) the week before.

Don't forget the sunscreen.

The Festival web site can be found at www.scotfest.com or www.scotirishfest.com or www.irishscotfest.com

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Either of us can get answers to your questions.

To subscribe to the Demo List for updates, changes and just all-around brain-Storming; HighEPDemo-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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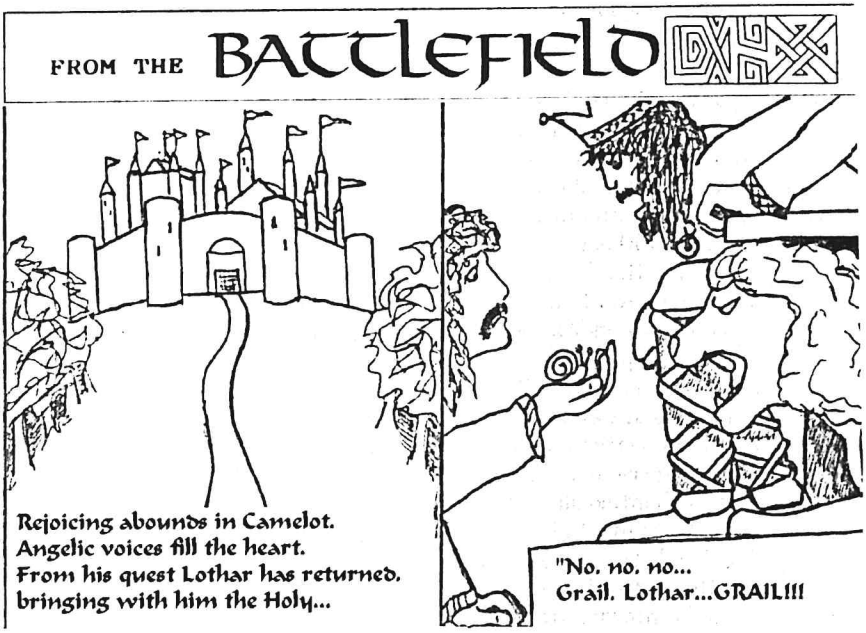
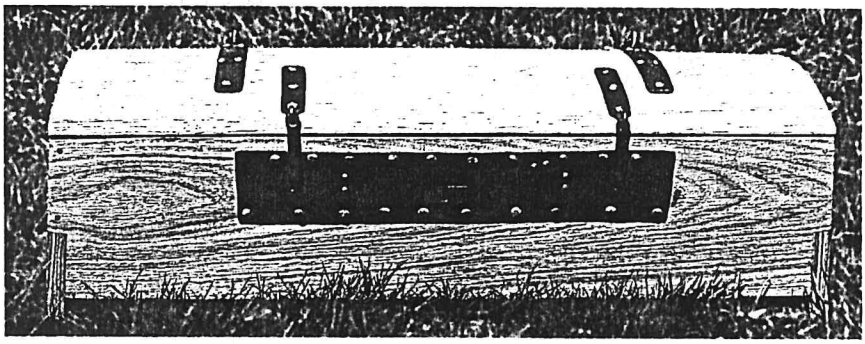


The Tosspot
Mastermyr Chest

by Master Tamlene ap Guidgen

For the 2002 ABANA (Artists-Blacksmiths Association of North America) conference, a group of blacksmiths decided to try to re-create the items known as "The Mastermyr Find", described in the book of the same name. The find consists of a wooden chest and a large number of tools, chain, cooking items, etc. (77 items I believe). It was found in a bog in Sweden, and dates to the Viking era. The group of ABANA blacksmiths have so far reproduced about half of the items.

I staunchly kept myself from participating until last fall, when the appeal went out for someone to make the wooden chest. I succumbed and made the chest pictured in about six months of spare time.

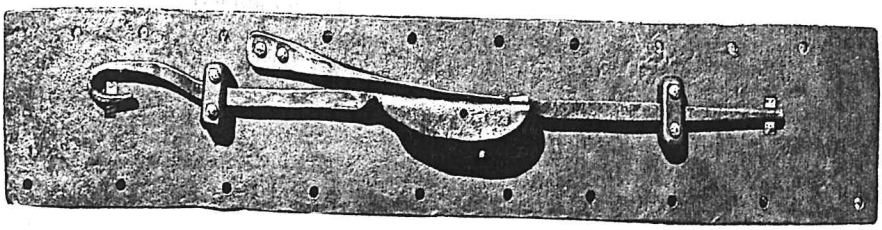


The chest has slanted sides typical of many Viking chests, and is made of oak. The lid is hollowed on the inside and rounded on the outside (so that it is about $\frac{3}{4}$" thick in cross section). The bottom is doweled in place, the side joints are half lapped.

The chest has no handles or places for them, so it must have originally been made as a stationary chest. It was clearly being used as a tool chest, with the chain wrapped around it.

The metal work is fairly simple except for the lock, which gave me fits. I had not made a lock before this project, and did not have a good appreciation of the precision required for the key to work. I made three keys and refit the drawbar several times before getting everything to work reasonably.

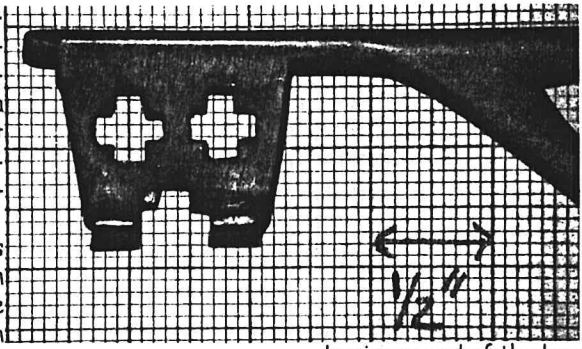
The Mastermyr book does not show enough detail of the lock to allow reproduction. I wrote the museum in Sweden that has the chest, and one of the curators was kind enough to send me an article detailing similar kinds of locks, which is what I built. The lock has a long drawbar that engages the two hasps hanging over the front.



lock, inside view

All the Mastermyr reproduction pieces were displayed at the ABANA annual conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin last June. They are now on one-year loan to a metalworking museum in Tennessee.

The Mastermyr book is available from Norm Larson Books (which is the current publisher). Norm can be reached at larbooks@impulse.net



business end of the key
all photos by Steve Smith

Last month's recipe (Olive Tapenade) incorrectly reported that this recipe was printed in April.

Black-Pepper Feta Cheese Spread

8 oz. feta cheese, cubed
8 oz. neufchatel cheese, room temp (you'll find it right next to the cream cheese in the dairy case)
Black pepper to taste
Kosher salt to taste

Whiz all ingredients in a food processor until well blended.

You can serve with pita bread, veggies, chips, or crackers. The feta and olive *[June Tosspot, really]* spreads go particularly well together.

Mistress Meriel of Tay, Head Cook at Winter Oasis

This spread, with green onion and dill added, is scheduled to be served at the head table at Glory.

The Tossspot
Tablut - A Medieval Northern European Board Game

by Mistress Drahomira Jaroslavna

Tablut is often referred to as a "Viking" game, but closely related games appear all across Scandinavia and Britain, from Finland to Ireland. All these games have very similar rules, and differ mainly in the number of squares on the board, and in the starting positions. The rules described here are for the Finnish or Scandinavian version called "Tablut."

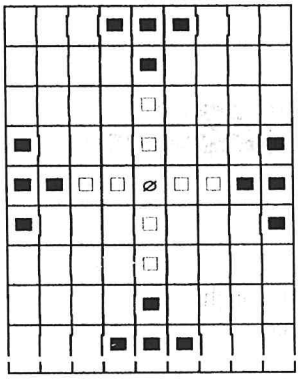
Setting Up

The board consists of a 9-by-9 grid of squares

The center square, known as the "throne", is marked.

The defending player has 8 ordinary light-colored pieces plus a "king."

The attacking player has 16 dark-colored pieces.



Moves

Players take turns making a move.

The defender (light) moves first.

A piece may move either vertically or horizontally (like a chess rook), across any number of unoccupied squares.

Any piece may move across the unoccupied throne, but only the king may occupy it.

Captures

If one player places two pieces, one on either side of an opponent's piece, the opponent's piece is captured and removed from the board.

One move may capture more than one piece, if each individual captured piece is surrounded on two opposite sides.

If a player moves a piece between two opponent's pieces, no capture occurs.

Winning

The attacker wins by surrounding the king on all four sides, or by three sides and the throne. The attacker can also win by surrounding the king and one (but only one) other defending piece on all sides so that they cannot move.

The defender wins by moving the king to any square of the edge of the board (also called moving "off the board").

When the defender makes a move that gives his king a clear path to the edge of the board, he must warn the attacker. The traditional warning is "Raichi." If the attacker foolishly makes a move that gives the king a clear path, no warning is required.

If the defender makes a move that gives his king two clear paths to the edge of the board (a guaranteed winning position), the traditional cry is "Tuichi."

Variations on the rules

Some people do not allow the king to be one of the two pieces making a capture.

Some people do not allow any piece to occupy a corner square.

Medieval Games, Salamallah the Corpulent, Raymond's Quiet Press, 1982

"Indoor Games", Complete Anachronist, no. 4, January 1983

Strategy Challenges Collection 2, (CD computer game disk), 1996, Edmark Corporation

Make Way

Make way for the Outlands the leaping stag comes through.
Our courage duly tested and our honor tried and true.
So sound the horns of battle, rally to the drums.
Make way I say, we're on our way to see this war is won.

Make way for Unser Hafen, gallant warriors from the north.
Mighty Baron Deotrich has called his army forth.
We'll take the field before us with steel, shield, and bow.
And fight the mighty *enemy* until we've laid 'em low.

Make way for the Outlands, hail to everyone.
Carry word before us, the battle has been won.
Sing the tales of glory so everyone may know.
And raise your cup and drink a toast to our worthy foe.

Lord Justin

Lord Justin singing this song at Eistedfodd, photo by Jodi Smith

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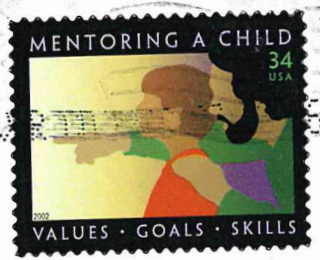

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